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Applicants : Maureen J. Charron and Ellen B. Katz
Serial No. : 09/886,954
Filed : June 21, 2001
For : NOVEL GLUCOSE TRANSPORTER/SENSOR
PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF
Art Unit : 1642
Examiner : Gary B. Nickol, Ph.D.

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PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION AND
PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

A Final Office Action was issued in connection with above-identified application on June 17, 2003. On August 13, 2003, applicants timely filed an Amendment in Response to the June 17, 2003 Final Office Action within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action. On September 25, 2003, an Advisory Action was issued indicating that applicants' August 13, 2003 proposed amendments will not be entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration by the Examiner. Applicants herewith petition for a one month extension of time in which to file a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. The fee for a small entity for filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is \$375.00 and the fee for a one month extension of time is \$55.00. Therefore, a check in the amount of \$430.00 is

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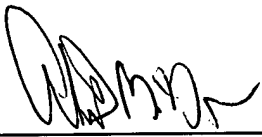
enclosed. With a one month extension of time, the deadline for filing a Request for Continued Examination is October 25, 2003. Accordingly, this Preliminary Communication and Request for Continued Examination are being timely filed.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$430.00 fee for filing a Request for Continued Examination (\$375.00) and Petition for a One Month Extension of Time (\$55.00) for a small entity, is deemed necessary to maintain the pendency of the subject application. However, if there are unanticipated fees required to maintain the pendency of this application, the PTO is authorized to withdraw those fees from Deposit Account 01-1785. Overcharges may also be credited to Deposit Account 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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